



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter May 2026

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Members Paschall Post 164,

As we welcome May, Paschall Post 164 is focused on essential maintenance and repairs to ensure our facilities remain in top condition. Over the past four years, we have completed several significant upgrades, including:

- Grease Trap: New installation (\$7,000+).
- Roof: Full replacement following storm damage (Saved \$43,000; \$1,000 deductible).
- Lighting: New LED lighting in the Canteen and Meeting Hall, and parking lot pole repairs (Value of \$18,600+, donated by Roehrenbeck Electric).
- Kitchen & Bar: Two new bar coolers, commercial-grade refrigerator and freezer, ice maker, two deep fryers, and a new disposal. The kitchen is now open under new management.
- Flooring: New Canteen flooring (funded by Arrow International).
- Entry: New front entry doors and a Canteen New Computer (funded by the City of Grove City).
- A new Computer for the Adjutant's Office (donated by Ken Flaute).
- Meeting Hall: Sound-deadening boards (donated by First Baptist Church on Orders Rd. and the Baptist Builders) with a fresh paint job (paint donated by Sherwin-Williams). Post members Charles Smith and Darryl Wright Painted the Hall.
- HVAC: New system for the Hall (\$26,000+, funded by donations).

These improvements were vital to our operations and have directly contributed to increased revenue and our ability to support American Legion activities. Credit for this progress goes to our Executive Board for their dedication and hard work. It should be noted that we have to replace the HVAC on the Canteen side. It is failing regularly and the Executive Board just voted to move forward to getting it done as soon as possible. We are working on funding this project now.

Elections and Leadership

Post elections are approaching. The S.A.L. has elected officers for the 2026-2027 year, with results to be posted on our website soon. In the Auxiliary, Robin Shockley is stepping down as President, and we look forward to the transition to new leadership. May 14th is the next Membership Meeting and we will be taking Nominations from the floor for Officers. This is the final time nominations from the floor will be open. This is why it is important for you to attend meetings. Your Voice counts only when you speak up and others hear you.

Membership Renewals

As we enter a new membership year, please ensure your dues are current. Starting in January, we will conduct 100% Member ID checks to ensure all visitors are in good standing. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our membership records accurate. If you come into the Post in January and your dues have not been paid you will not be granted privileges. Membership Meeting 14 May @ 6:00 PM

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Recently, there has been some misunderstanding and concern among our Veteran Membership regarding the way we honored a late Officer of the Auxiliary, Deanna Capretta. Some members expressed that the tribute did not align with traditional or proper protocol. It is important to address these concerns transparently and set the record straight.

Deanna Capretta was not only an Officer of our Post but also a dedicated and hardworking member. Her contributions significantly advanced both the Post and the Auxiliary's success. Recognizing her positive and notable impact, the Honor Guard believed it was appropriate and fitting to extend this honor to Dee.

The Honor Guard presented their intentions to the Executive Board for review. After careful consideration, the Board found nothing improper with the process as proposed. Both the Honor Guard and the Executive Board agreed that this action was not meant to set a precedent; such honors would only be extended to Officers of the Post who have demonstrated a similarly positive and distinguished influence.

We trust that this explanation clarifies the reasoning and respect behind the decision to honor Deanna Capretta in this manner.

God bless and good health.

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum

MEMBERSHIP

Hello fellow Post 164 members.

I would like to congratulate everyone on the efforts to get the membership quota to 100%. We are currently at 98.78%. I am certain we will achieve 100% before the end of my term, and I am happy with this!

As of this newsletter we have 22 New Members, 239 Renewals, 11 Transfers, 51 PUFL Mbrs. Currently we have 323 members; our quota is 327.

As we enter the election process, I am stepping down as your 1st Vice Commander to run for 2nd Vice Commander. I think this more fits my desire to move our Legion Post 164 forward. Whomever fills these positions, we will never truly be successful without the support of our membership. It is your duty as a legion member to show up to your post meetings to support and vote on the matters that make your post the best it can be.

Speaking of the best, I was so proud to see the complete weekend we just had, from the Friday nights card madness to the birthday party for Curt, the turnout we had for the band on Saturday, and the car show on Sunday. It was an amazing weekend and everyone had a great time. This is the type of event that makes me smile!

Thanks for the honor of allowing me to serve as your 1st Vice Commander.

Jeffery L. Shupe
1st Vice Commander
Paschall Post 164

EVENTS

Greetings from the Events Chair.

- Saturday, May 9th; Cornhole Tournament 5:30 PM till 9 PM {Toss for a Cause for Karla}
- Thursday, May 14th; General Membership Meeting at 6 PM
- May 15th through 17th; S.A.L Convention here in Grove City
- Saturday, May 16th; Military Appreciation Day --- BAND "Lake Effect" from 7 PM till 11 PM (Outside weather permitting)
- Saturday, May 23rd; BAND "Bob Browning and Double Barrel" (Outside weather permitting)
- Monday, May 25th; Memorial Day – Parade downtown and Open House at Post
- Saturday, May 30th; Executive Board Meeting at 10 AM
- Thursday, June 11th; General Membership Meeting at 6 PM
- Saturday, June 13th; BAND "For What It's Worth" from 7 PM till 11 PM
- Saturday, June 27th; Executive Board Meeting at 10 AM

There are a number of events that occur while they are just a few days from happening because of tight schedules.. Please keep visiting our Website <https://www.americanlegionoh164.com/calendar> calendar and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alpost164family> to keep up with all the things happening at our Post. We are trying to keep you entertained as well as making it enjoyable to spend time at our Post. However, we need YOUR input to really make things better. If you have an idea for an event or a Band that you believe we should hear, let us know in person, or leave your suggestions in the 2nd Vice Cmdr. box in the foyer just outside the Hall entrance.

Ken Flaute
2nd Vice Commander
Paschall Post 164



Chaplain's Corner 1 April 2026

No Time For Hate
by Len Stayton, Chaplain

I was out for a walk on this crisp, Fall morning and as I moved through the neighborhood, I came across a yard full of signs. These were political signs that shared the homeowner's opinion of certain people within a given party. The content of the signs was not complimentary. The one that caught my attention the most was up near the front porch. It read, "Hate is not tolerated here."

"Oh, really?" I thought to myself. I guess he hasn't read his own signs. This same person who claims to be against hate was demonstrating, by his choice of signs that he is the biggest hater of all.

I thought about this throughout the rest of my walk and concluded that he or she must be a very unhappy person to hate that much. Think about it. This person had to decide he hated some person or persons enough to make the decision to display that hate. He went out and bought the signs, placed them in the yard and then moved them every time he or she mowed the grass. That's a lot of work just to tell other people what a hater you are.

By the time I got home, I felt sad for that person and others, like him or her, who do the same or similar things to let the world know what an unhappy person they are. Most well-adjusted people know that political parties win some and lose some. If the president you don't like gets elected, there is always next time. It's one of the things that makes our nation great. If we don't like our leaders, we can vote them out of office.

Brothers and sisters, I pray that none of you are wasting your time and energy hating someone because of their personal, political or religious views. God made us a diverse people on purpose. We are allowed to disagree with each other sometimes. But disagreement does not equal hate. Hate is Satan's way of making us miserable and apparently he succeeded with this neighbor of mine. Think of how much more one can accomplish by bending his or her mind to more positive and productive pursuits.

Just as God made us different, He also gave us different skills and abilities. His intent is for each of us to use those skills and abilities to help each other and have others use their own talents to help us. We are better together than we can ever be individually. So, let's all take a look at what we can bring to the table and begin to exercise those talents for the good of others and allow others to use their talents for our good as well. Standing together, we are stronger than anything that can come against us. Together, we can figure out how to turn all the hatred in this world into love for one another. What a great Post this is becoming because we work together, play together, mourn together and celebrate together with love. I pray for each of you that we can continue to grow as a family and live together in peace and harmony. We can, and do, disagree; but as long as we come back together in love, we will not only survive but will outlast all of those who choose to hate instead.

May God bless you and your house.

God bless.

Len Stayton
Paschall Post Chaplain



Greetings Auxiliary members,

As of April 15th, our membership is at 146 members, and we are at 100.71% paid. If you haven't paid your 2026 membership yet, you have until May 9th, 2026, to pay. If your membership lapses after May 10th, 2026, you will need to either pay all missed dues for 2026 or reapply as a new member. You can send in your 2026 membership dues to the Post or leave them for me at the canteen. Dues remain at \$35 this year.

At last month's meeting members voted to approve the following slate of officers for 2026-2027. President: Erin Stout, Vice President: Linda Morris, 2nd Vice Chair: Vicki Flannigan, Treasurer: Harriet Blagg, and Sergeant at Arms: Emily Stevens. We are still in need of a Secretary and Chaplain. If you're interested in serving as Secretary or Chaplain, please contact Erin Stout or Linda Morris by May 15th, as we will hold elections at our May 20th meeting.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 164 is proud to sponsor three senior high school students this year for Buckeye Girls State. Two attend Central Crossing High School and one attends Grove City Christian School. Buckeye Girls State is designed to educate Ohio's young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. By getting involved in the process, delegates learn more about City, County and State Government in one week than they will learn in an entire semester of high school. The session begins at 10:30 am on June 7th, 2026 and ends after 12:15 pm on June 13th, 2026. It is held on the campus of Bowling Green State University. I'm confident they will represent our Unit very well.

David Flannigan, Legionnaire Service Officer, is asking for 1-2 Auxiliary members who would be able to serve on the Legion's Entertainment Committee. Committee members are expected to attend a monthly meeting and assist with event planning at the Post. If you're interested or have questions, please contact David at David.flannigan@hotmail.com or 614-984-8180.

Our next regular business meeting is Wednesday, May 20th, at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Robin

Robin Shockley
Unit 164 Auxiliary President



Sons of the American Legion

Greetings fellow SONS.

May is upon us and it is nice to finally see the trees, flowers, and bushes blooming. May will be a busy month for our 164 Post. As always, a friendly reminder to continue to check in on our fellow SONS, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who may need assistance even with decent weather upon us.

I am proud to say that the SAL has exceeded its 2026 membership quota of 154 and currently at 103% of quota. We have 160 paid members. If you have not paid your dues, please stop by the Post and let one of the bartenders know you would like to pay your dues. We keep an SAL communications box up front by the ATM machine and you can just drop your renewal in that box if you like. Dues are \$35 for 2026.

Plans continue for the SAL 12th District Detachment Convention and things are coming along nicely. SAL 12th District Detachment Convention will be hosted by our Post this year. Dates are May 15th - 17th. All meetings and dinner will take place on the hall side.

There are several May events for the Post this year including, My wife's benefit will be held on Saturday, May 9th at the Post. Event starts at 5:30pm and will include a cornhole tournament, several bands, raffles, silent auction items and food. Depending on weather, we hope to have the bands in the shelter house by the firepit and cornhole out back. This is a kid-friendly event until 9pm, so please round up the family or friends and come on in.

Our Post will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade again this year. The date is May 25th at 11am. Groups should meet at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for staging at 10am. SONS and Auxiliary are encouraged to walk/ride in the parade this year. An idea from Jason Norris, Financial Officer was to have anyone choosing to walk hold a sign of who they are honoring by being a member of the American Legion. Pictures will also be displayed at our open house.

Next S.A.L. Meeting is 5:30 PM, May 5th.

Curt Long
164 Squadron Commander